



26th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 Residential Weekend to Kingswood Dearne Valley (10th – 12th May 2024)

I am pleased to tell you that we are organising a weekend residential for Year 8 students to the Kingswood Dearne Valley Centre (near Doncaster) from **Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May 2024**. We will depart after school on Friday and return at approximately 5.30pm on Sunday.

The weekend will involve a range of outdoor activities and team building exercises at the Kingswood Dearne Valley site, which is set across 50 acres and was formerly the Earth Centre. Prince Henry's has been providing similar outdoor activities opportunities in different locations for several years, and students who participate usually remember the experience as highly enjoyable and very hectic!

The cost will be approximately **£135** (depending on the number of participants). This includes transport, accommodation, insurance and all meals as well as the various activities. It does not cover spending money for snacks and gifts.

Those students wishing to be part of this trip should bring the completed slip (see bottom of attached form) to the **Finance Office** by **Friday 6th October 2023**. By this same date, please also pay an initial **deposit of £50 using the online payment system**. If this deadline causes problems, please contact me directly as soon as possible. Likewise, if you are unable to use the online payment system, please contact the Finance Office to make other arrangements.

For this trip, school may be able to provide a subsidy to students who are currently in receipt of free school meals (unless already receiving a subsidy for another residential visit this school year). If applicable, please contact Mr Lillington at school as soon as possible to discuss.

Further payments (using the online payment system) are then required as follows:

6th Nov 2023 - £30

6th Dec 2023 - £30

6th Feb 2024 - £25 (*approx.*)

In the event that demand for this trip exceeds the number of places available, names will be "drawn out of a hat". Therefore, receipt of the deposit must not be taken as a guarantee of a place. Students will be informed whether or not they have a place before the half term holiday, and deposits will be returned, where appropriate. Please do not apply for a place for your child if you are not happy with this. For Health and Safety reasons, students who have (or later develop) a record of poor behaviour in school may not be permitted to participate in this trip.

Finally, in fairness to all students, may I stress that should your child take up a place on the trip, this will be taken as a **firm commitment**. In the event of a student withdrawing from the party, a refund of monies already paid can normally only be given if cancellation is covered by the terms of the insurance.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Miller
Party Leader